(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) For the Central Sector Roads, funds are being allocated through the Central Budget.

Proposal for Construction of new Jetty at New Mangalore Port

1659. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whther it is fact that a proposal for construction of new oil jetty and augmentation of existing oil jetty at New Mangalore Port with an outlay of Rs. 300 crores has been sanctioned long back; and

(b) if so, whether the work contract has since been awarded, the progress of the project and the likely date of commissioning of the new facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Government have approved on 23.6.94 the project relating to construction of a new oil jetty and augmentation of existing oil jetty at New Mangalore Port at an estimated cost of Rs. 238.14 crores.

(b) Contracts for some of the major items of work have already been awarded and the work is in progress. Project is expected to be completed within the sitpulated time period of 30 months from the date of sanction.

Irregularities in Recruitment of Staff to the Mancheswar Railway Workshop

1660. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been serious irregularities in the recruitment of workers and staff in the Railway Workshop at Mancheswar in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the cases brought to his notice;

(c) the action initiated by him to put an end to such irregularities; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Satellite Money Order Facility in Andhra Pradesh

1661. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) the number of Cities or Centres in Andhra Pradesh with Satellite Money Order Facility;

(b) the number of new Centres to be opened in 1995-96 in Andhra Pradesh with Satellite Money Order Facility; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) In Andhra Pradesh Satellite Money Order Service has already been introduced at two locations, namely, Hyderabad and Tirupati, where Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) have been installed and commissioned.

(b) and (c) Facility for Satellite Money Order Service is to be provided in three more centres in Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96, namely, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam and Kurnool. Benefit of the system will be made available to selected important post offices in the periphery of each VSAT centre through modem telephone line link up.

Sinking of Boats of Indian Fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy

1662. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fishing boats belonging to Indian fishermen were sunk by the Lankan Navy personnel in the high seas on Rameshwaram Coast recently as reported in "The Hindu" dated the 4th July, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action was taken against Sri Lankan Navy by Indian Coast-guard to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI